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Mr. Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As you are aware, General C. P. Cabell at my request kindly arranged for a series of lectures on international communism to be given to the members of the Inter-American Defense Board. This series was just completed this morning and while still fresh in my mind I want you to know how much the members of the Inter-American Defense Board and I, personally, have enjoyed and benefited by this program.

The entire series was extremely well-organized and executed. The lecturers, without exception, were superior, and the subject matter that they covered was pertinent and presented in a most stimulating manner. One by one these lectures completed a comprehensive, although necessarily cursory review of the entire picture presented by international communism.

I would like to congratulate and thank all of the participants in the lecture program for their individual contributions. Mr. was particularly helpful in his overall management of the series. His personal interest and attention to the details are indeed appreciated by all of us. I would also like to mention Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick's beautifully presented introductory lecture on the "Intelligence Community of the United States". The interest within the Board that was created by this lecture was largely responsible for the high degree of attendance at the subsequent discussions.

In summary I feel that our program was very much worthwhile and successful thanks to the interested cooperation of yourself and members of your organization.

Sincerely yours

LEMUEL C. SHEPHERD, JR.
General, U. S. Marine Corps
Chairman

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